PARKING LOTS POLLUTION PREVENTION STORMWATER BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES

Stormwater pollution occurs when runoff washes away loose sediment, chemicals, trash, pet waste, oil and grease or other possible pollutants produced at your business. The polluted runoff ends up in storm sewers, desert washes, or catchment basins, which can seep underground and adversely affect the groundwater El Mirage utilizes for drinking water.

Never allow non-stormwater discharges to enter a storm drain or street.

Stormwater pollution prevention is good business! It means clean water, clean neighborhoods and it shows your customers that you care





Discharge of pressure washing wastewater to the storm drain system is prohibited because it contains pollutants from cleaning compounds or from the surfaces being cleaned. But, when done properly, pressure washing activities can help improve the quality of our waters and have a positive effect on the environment. When pollutants are removed from pressure washed surfaces, there is less chance for those pollutants to end up in our waterways.

WHAT CAN YOU DO TO PREVENT POLLUTION

- Sweep or vacuum all dirt, debris, and trash prior to washing
- Use absorbent materials to clean up oil deposits
- Use as little water as possible without detergents
- Seal all stormwater inlets in the area that are being cleaned
- Contain and collect wastewater from pressure washer using temporary berms, vacuums, and pumps
- Discharge wastewater from pressure washer to landscaped areas without drywells

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